

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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New Rail Line

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria for setting up of new railway zones and divisions in the country;
- (b) whether the Railways have any proposal for setting up of new railway zone or division in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Konkan Railway is attached to any railway zone and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): New Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view various factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operational/ administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(b) & (c): At present, there is no plan to set up new divisions on Indian Railways, except those with headquarters at Gulbarga, Jammu and Silchar, which were announced in February, 2014. In addition, a Committee of senior officers from Railways has also been constituted to examine the issue of setting up a new railway zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, in terms of Item No.8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

(d): No, Madam. Konkan Railway is not attached to any Zonal Railway. It is under the control of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways, formed with the mandate of construction and operation of Konkan Railway.
